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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application filed herewith, please enter the following preliminary amendment (marked-up copy attached):

IN THE SPECIFICATION

A courtesy copy of the present specification is enclosed herewith. However, the World Intellectual Property Office (WIPO) copy should be relied upon if it is already in the U.S. Patent Office.

IN THE CLAIMS

**Please amend the following claim:**

10. (Amended) A method for manufacturing a magnetic disc comprising:  
overlapping a master disc according to claim 1 on a magnetic disc, applying a  
magnetic field while generating airflow in a space formed by the magnetic disc  
and the concave portion of the master disc by exhausting from a central side of the  
magnetic disc and performing a preformat recording of a magnetized pattern  
corresponding to the array of the ferromagnetic film of the master disc in the  
magnetic disc.

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to remove multiple dependencies from  
claim 10.

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein  
be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and  
consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this  
communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Douglas P. Mueller (Reg.  
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COMMUNICATION

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Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application, applicant respectfully requests that Figure 1 be printed on the front page of the published application.

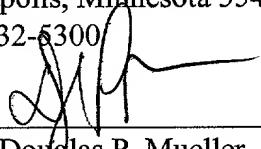
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